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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Melvina Hawkins

Plaintiff,

SCHEDULING ORDER

-against-

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The Law Firm of James R. McCarl & Associates, et al.

Defendants.

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The Court has scheduled a Settlement Conference for February 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. A separate e-mail will be sent to counsel containing information on how to connect to the conference.

Parties are required to appear. Counsel are required to submit a confidential, *ex parte* letter, so identified, to the Court, not to exceed 5 pages in length, no later than five business days prior to the conference. The letter must summarize (1) the history of settlement negotiations; (2) the issues in the case; (3) the party's settlement valuation of the case and the rationales for it; and (4) any other information counsel believes would assist the Court in preparation for the conference. In addition, prior to the submission of the *ex parte* letters, Plaintiff must make at least one new settlement demand, and Defendants must make at least one new settlement offer.

Dated: February 13, 2025

White Plains, New York

SO ORDERED:

KIM P. BERČ

United States Magistrate Judge